

endangered bowhead whale by a native group. Meanwhile, that same delegation opposed Japan's request for a small-scale whale hunt for scientific research. Mr. Speaker, it is plainly clear the Clinton administration has no real whaling policy.

This lack of a coherent policy is why we definitely need to hold congressional hearings on the Clinton administration's support of renewing commercial whaling under the guise of Native American hunting rights.

As a member of the Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs, I intend to do everything in my power to stop this tragedy before it gets started.

I would like to close by quoting from an editorial which appeared in the June 23 *Seattle Times*:

By supporting the Makah bid to the IWC, the U.S. sets up an untenable double standard—Native American whaling is legitimate but Japanese whaling is not. It will get worse; tribes from Washington to the Bering Sea are sharpening their harpoons, waiting for the Makahs to get the go-ahead.

The *Seattle Times* editorial continues:

As creatures that routinely migrate the globe, whales demand a coherent and consistent international policy. If the world community approves the Makahs' whale hunt, then Japan deserves the same. But the long, grim history of commercial whaling points to a tougher response: No more harpoons. Whales are for watching.

Mr. Speaker, I have the good fortune occasionally to observe gray whales from my home on Whidbey Island. The Gray Whale should be protected, not hunted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HALL of Ohio (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, after 8 p.m., on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POSHARD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LARGENT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARR, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2437. An act to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Gilpin County, Colorado.

H.R. 3525. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property.

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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 8, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 192 of the 104th Congress, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, July 8, 1996.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 16 minutes a.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 192, the House adjourned until Monday, July 8, 1996, at 12 noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3860. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Order Amending the Order (FV93-981-1) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3861. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Order Amending the Order (FV95-985-4) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3862. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program: Automated Date Processing Equipment and Services; Reduction in Reporting Requirements (Food and Consumer Service) (RIN: 0584-AB92) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3863. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Notification Procedures for Pesticide Registration Modification (FRL 5372-8) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3864. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticide Worker Protection Standard; Language and Size Requirements to Warning Sign (FRL-5358-7) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3865. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticide Worker Protection Standard; Language and Size Requirement for Warning Sign (FRL-5358-8) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3866. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tobacco-Tobacco Loan Program (RIN: 0560-AE41) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3867. A letter from the Acting General Sales Manager and Acting Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commodity Credit Corporation Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (RIN: 0551-AA30) received June 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3868. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on nonmajor acquisition programs, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2220(b); to the Committee on National Security.

3869. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on payment of restructuring costs under defense contracts, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2324 note; to the Committee on National Security.

3870. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Operating-Differential Subsidy for Bulk Cargo Vessels; Maintenance and Repair Subsidy (Maritime Administration) (RIN: 2133-AB27) received June 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

3871. A letter from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Effect of Closure of Fitzsimons Army Medical Center on Provision of Care to Military Personnel, Retired Military Personnel, and their Dependents," pursuant to Public Law 104-106, section 747(a) (110 Stat. 387); to the Committee on National Security.

3872. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 96-35: Determination Under Section 2(b)(2)(D) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as Amended: People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3873. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Education, transmitting notice of final priority and limitation on use of funds; Elementary School Mathematics and Science Equipment Program for the fund for the improvement of education, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3874. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Priority—Postsecondary Education Program for Individuals with Disabilities, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3875. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on postsecondary education programs for individuals with disabilities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3876. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Reorganization, Renumbering, and Reinvention